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Response Due Date
02/27/2014

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REFERENCE: OCTOBER QUARTERLY REPORT (07/01/2013 - 09/30/2013)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Schedule A of your report discloses voided or returned checks for expenditures made during a previous reporting period with the description of "Void: Lost in mail." Please be advised that if the committee received goods or services from a vendor without making any payment for the services rendered, the committee may be in receipt of a prohibited contribution. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) prohibits the receipt of contributions from corporations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations. Any prohibited contribution must be refunded or disgorged. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1) and (2)) The refund must be made within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the possible illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(2)) If the identity of the contributor cannot be determined, the committee must disgorge funds to a governmental entity or to a qualified charitable organization described in 2 U.S.C. § 170(c). (Commission Advisory Opinions 1995-19 and 1991-39). Please take and report corrective action or amend your report if these transactions were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed.
2. Schedule A of your report discloses \$2,500 in uncashed refunds. Please be advised that the committee may not retain excessive or prohibited contributions if they are unreturnable to the original contributors. The excessive amounts must be disgorged to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's General Fund Account (See Advisory Opinion 2003-18). The excessive amount should be